of the State. This mutual contact has not been without its advantages to both parties.

The limitations under which our Council now works are many and have been prominently brought into relief in the course of the working of the Council during the past 6 years and we sincerely hope that they will soon be of the past.

In you, Sir, instead of a Diwan-President, we have had a President of the Council (*Hear, hear*) and you have guided the destinies and proceedings with the dignity and honour always associated with the Chair, and you have studiously kept in the background the fact that you are the Diwan, the moment you step into the dias of this Honourable House. (*Hear, hear*). We are thankful also for the compliment you have always paid us at the closing of the Sessions and we do sincerely hope and trust that the cry for reforms to make this institution more and more useful to our fellow men and the good administration of our State will have a sympathetic ear from you to lead us onward to our goal (*Hear, hear*). There are many items of reforms, and those that lie within the rule-making powers of the Government, we have no doubt and we hope, will soon materialise, by the co-operation between the Diwan and the Council. (*Hear, hear*). I would not enter into any detail of the other items of reforms at this stage, important as they are all for the progress and advance of the State as a whole.

We also wish to congratulate you, Sir, on quick despatch of the work of the Council with you in the Chair. And in conclusion while we thank you for universal courtsey and consideration you have extended to us always, we do trust that before you have left our State you would have helped us forward towards a progressive realisation of our goal by your sympathy and good will. (*Hear, hear*).

We now bid you, Sir, farewell on behalf of the Second Legislative Council.

Concluding Remarks by the President and Dissolution of the Council.

President.—Dr. A. G. Menon, and Hon'ble Members of the Cochin Legislative Council.

I must thank you very much for the very kind sentiments you have just expressed about me; but surely they are very large exaggerations, because if I have been successful in guiding the deliberations of this assembly in a satisfactory manner, it is, as I said at the opening of the first meeting of which I had the honour to preside, due to the co-operation that I have always received from the Hon'ble Members of the Council. It would

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be impossible in a Council like this for a President to guide the deliberations satisfactorily without the co-operation of the Hon'ble Members.

As Dr. Menon said we have now reached the end of the Second Council of the State. We shall now be parting and some of us will leave the House and will not be returning here for the next Council. But I hope that many will return and that we shall meet again.

Dr. Menon then referred to the limitations under which the present Council works. It will not be possible for me at this moment to say anything definite, but I can assure the House as the Diwan, that everything that can be done will be done, (*Hear, hear.*) and the subject will receive my careful consideration.

I must once more thank you all for the co-operation and the kind sentiments expressed by Dr. Menon.

With these words, I shall now dissolve the Council.

T. K. KRISHNA MENON,

Secretary to the Council.

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